

Hello,

My name is Elisha Kitchen. When I was 6 years old I was hit by a car when I got off of my kindergarten school bus. It was Valentine's Day. I spent 5.5 months in the hospital. I am paralyzed from the neck down and use a ventilator to breathe. I am going to be 29 in December. I am a wedding planner. If this accident had to happen to me I am glad I live in Michigan. It takes care of its people.

I wish I could breathe (Ventilator \$17,000). I wish I could walk (electric wheelchair \$40,000). I wish I could buy a used car, like my friends, and not need a handicap van (\$67,000). All my health insurance was used up (\$1,000,000.00) in a few years. Sometimes I wish I didn't have to have someone with me all of the time. Did you know nurses get paid \$25.00 to \$30.00 an hour? Nurses' aides get paid \$10.00 to \$15.00 an hour. I need both.

In spite of it all I am happy. After all, we all have wishes.

But, most of all I wish I could shake your hand and thank you for not passing any law to change MI No-Fault Insurance.

If you vote to take away my insurance, I will die. Please don't let me die.

Thank you,
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